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Township Families Plan For Christmas Observance

Again the Christmas season rolls around and township families, in the spirit of the occasion, have decorated their homes in the traditional Christmas style and are all prepared to observe the day, first, in the churches, where the true significance of the day is best understood, and second, in the homes where families will come from near and far to reunite for the annual observance of our most beloved holiday.

Many township people will motor to other towns to join relatives and friends. Others will remain here, to welcome guests into their homes.

Christmas dinner guests at the L. R. Pond home in Irvington will be Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Pond, Berkeley, Mrs. B. F. Briggs and two daughters of Nampa, Idaho, C. M. Cole of San Francisco, and Mrs. McGlashan of San Jose.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bailey and family have returned home from Modesto after attending the wedding Saturday of Miss Betty Allan and Mr. Kenneth Marr, in time to prepare for the excitement of the Christmas holiday. They plan to initiate their new barbecue at this Yule season, a project that has kept them occupied for several months. Their guests for Christmas dinner will be Mrs. Bailey's mother, Mrs. M. Hansen, and her sister, Mrs. A. O. Howe, both of Oakland, and Mrs. Howe's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Rust of Piedmont and their six-months-old twin daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shinn, accompanied by Mrs. Shinn Sr., motored up to Amador County Tuesday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Solinsky who will visit her husband, now recuperating in Children's Hospital.

At the Roeding home at the California Nursery, the guest list will comprise members of both the Roeding family and the Baldwin family. There will be about 20 present altogether.

It will be a very gay holiday season at the A. B. Hill home in Alvarado, with daughter Judy having arrived by plane from Radcliffe College last Sunday, and with several guests expected for Christmas. Among them will be Mr. and Mrs. Robert White of Vancouver, Washington, who will be houseguests for three days, and also present for the Christmas dinner will be Mrs. Hill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Waterhouse of Palo Alto, and her brother, Richard Waterhouse, also (Continued on page 2)

WATER DISTRICT ASKS PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S SUPPORT

The Board of Directors of Alameda County Water District last Friday sent a telegram to President Truman asking him to defer approval of a budget appropriation to Army Engineers for construction of Folsom Dam on the American River.

MUST HAVE AID

The directors pointed out that should the dam be constructed from an appropriation to the Army Engineers the power sales of the project would all go to the United States treasury. However, if the dam were to be built by the United States Bureau of Reclamation, the income from power sales would go toward pumping and distribution costs.

Without this financial assistance this district would not be able to bear the cost of pumping the water from the canals over the Altamont Pass into the Alameda Creek watershed for the benefit of Livermore. Pleasanton, this region and Santa Clara county, the directors said.

QUOTE TELEGRAM

The telegram sent by the directors read as follows:

"The President, Washington, D. C.

The Alameda County Water District, covering a long established and highly productive area of orchard and specialty crop farms in Southern Alameda County, California, respectfully requests that you defer approval of budget appropriation to Army Engineers for construction of Folsom Project on American River until hearings have been held on Miller-Engle Bill. Stop. Our area now confronted with economic disaster from water shortage combined with infiltration of sea water into our irrigation supply is dependent on relief from this project. Stop. The only plan economically feasible for us is that of the Bureau of Reclamation which we urge for your consideration.

By unanimous approval, Board of Directors, Alameda County Water District. W. D. Patterson, President."

TAXABLE PROPERTY INCREASE SHOWN

Assessed valuation of taxable property in Alameda County for 1947-48 was 8.7 per cent greater than that for 1946-47, California Taxpayers' Association reported this week.

The increase is made up of 6.1 per cent increase in the valuation of land, 7.09 per cent increase in value of improvements on land, 27.8 per cent increase in taxable value of personal property and money and 102.4 per cent increase in exemptions.

Total valuation of taxable property in the county for 1947-48 is \$615,912,940, the association said. Value of the land is \$193,967,500; improvements on land, \$316,047,945; personal property and money, \$134,010,060. Redemptions reduce these items by \$28,112,565.



OVERACKER BAGS 150-POUND LION AT MISSION RANCH

A 150-pound mountain lion, believed to be the largest ever found in this area, was killed last Friday by Michael Overacker on his ranch in Mission San Jose.

Overacker had missed several lambs during the previous week and last Thursday found a ewe that had been killed on the hillside. Believing that the stalker might be a dog or coyote he set several traps. When he found the traps sprung but not heavy enough to hold the attacking animal, he reasoned that it might be a large mountain lion and purchased larger traps which he set Thursday evening.

SHOT WITH RIFLE

Friday morning he discovered one of his traps missing and with the aid of his dog was able to track the wounded animal to a nearby thicket. He killed the animal with a shot from his rifle and only then was aware of the size of the killer he had been stalking.

During the following week-end the ranch was over-run with residents of this area who came to see the large beast. Two other mountain lions have been killed in that area during the past year but were little more than half the size of the 150-pounder killed by Overacker.

INCIDENT BROADCAST

A transcription of L. R. Batman, publisher of The Township Register, interviewing Overacker concerning the killing of the "cat," has been made by Al Accardi, The Fishfinder, for broadcast over station KWBR, Oakland, from 9 to 9:30 p. m. tonight (Wednesday).

WE DO IT AGAIN

For the second successive week The Register will be in the mails Wednesday instead of the usual Friday because of the holiday next Thursday.

To all our subscribers—new and old—let us remind you to have your news items in to us by Monday afternoon. And again we thank you for your cooperation.

WARM SPRINGS TO HAVE NEW PLANT

The Laclede-Christy Clay Products Company of St. Louis is expected to be in operation in Warm Springs early in January in the plant owned by the Shamrock Industries.

H. J. Lawton, Oakland, president of the Shamrock Industries, has revealed that the sale of the plant is being negotiated, effective January 5, with a portion of the purchase price now placed in escrow. The new plant will manufacture

all types of building tile and will employ about 100 men, it has been indicated by R. T. Risk, secretary-treasurer of the St. Louis firm.

Lawton added that the production of paper products, planned by the Shamrock Industries, was delayed due to inability to obtain sufficient quantities of raw products, but the company still owns land in Warm Springs and intends to go ahead with manufacturing as soon as the materials are available.



A BIG KITT... Patsy, left, and Becky Overacker, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Overacker, Mission San Jose, stand beside the 150-pound mountain lion killed last Friday by their father on his ranch.

1st Prize in Register Contest Goes to Mrs. Tom Robbins

The greatest newspaper circulation drive ever staged in Washington Township came to a close Saturday evening with the announcement by the four judges that Mrs. Tom Robbins, Niles, was the grand prize winner of The Township Register's Circulation Club Contest.

The judges, Jack Parry, Vernon Ellsworth, Loren Marriott and Harry Cesari, after two hours of counting votes and reserve ballots declared the winners.

RESERVES REVEALED

The subscription votes the candidates had turned in previously, and the free coupon votes which their friends sent in for them, had been published, but the reserves were not published in order that no one might know the exact number of votes any candidate had until the contest was ended. In this way all candidates had an equal chance to win by their ability in securing subscriptions to The Register.

The Township Register wishes to take this opportunity to thank the contestants and all the residents of Washington Township who worked and cooperated so wholeheartedly in making our Circulation Club so successful.

As a result of your endeavors each issue of our paper now goes into 749 additional homes, representing an increase of 2,622 more readers.

The final standings shown below will give readers an idea of the success attained by the club members.

Mrs. Ruth Robbins of Niles was awarded the \$500 first grand award, and Mrs. Ethel Avilla of Decoto received the second grand award of \$200.

Mrs. Anna Bradford of Niles received the first district award of \$100 and Miss Bettylou Richards of Warm Springs the \$50 which was the second award for the first district.

Mrs. C. D. Soules of Newark received the \$100 first award for District 2, and Miss Shirley Alameda of Irvington received the second award for district 2.

TOTAL VOTES LISTED

The large difference in votes between the winners of the district awards may be accounted for to some extent by the large number of workers in District 1, which naturally divided the vote.

The votes are given below, with the judge's statement.

We, the undersigned, judges of The Township Register Circulation Club, having canvassed the votes, do hereby declare the following to be correct:

GRAND WINNERS

Mrs. Ruth Robbins, 9,287,800 votes—\$500.
Mrs. Ethel Avilla, 7,674,700 votes—\$200.

DISTRICT ONE

Mrs. Anna Bradford, 1,811,900 votes—\$100.
Miss Bettylou Richards, 1,008,900 votes—\$50.

DISTRICT TWO

Mrs. Margie Plumb, 524,100 votes.
Miss Gerry Miller, 350,400 votes.

DISTRICT TWO

Mrs. C. D. Soules, 7,209,000 votes—\$100.
Miss Shirley Alameda, 5,156,700 votes—\$50.

DISTRICT TWO

Mrs. Florence Myrick, 1,361,500 votes.

Those who did not receive an award will be paid a cash commission on all the subscriptions turned in by them, so there were no losers in this campaign.

RELEASE MAN ON

HUNTING CHARGE

Pete Cateria, 34, 1650 Plaza Drive, San Leandro, was found innocent on a charge of having a duck in his possession out of season, in a trial held at Centerville Justice Court last Friday.

HOSPITAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE PLANS PUBLIC MEETING

The first public meeting for an open discussion of the proposed hospital district for Washington Township has been scheduled for Tuesday evening, January 20, to be held in the auditorium of Washington Union High School.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Women's Business and Professional Club and Edward E. Enos, chairman of the hospital committee, has announced that Dr. P. K. Gilman of the State Department of Public Health, Bureau of Hospital Surveys, will be the guest speaker. Dr. Gilman will discuss the State department's activities in the field of hospital facilities.

Mrs. Mayock, who is in charge of arrangements for the evening, has urged that all residents of the township that can possibly attend be present at the meeting to hear and take part in the discussion.

JOSEPH GASTELUM DIES IN OAKLAND

Joseph Gastelum, 51, a resident of Newark for the past 28 years, suffered a heart attack while in Oakland Saturday and died a few hours later in an Oakland hospital.

He was a native of Texas, an employee of the James Graham Manufacturing Company and a member of the Stove Mounters Union, Local 61.

He was the husband of Mary Gastelum; father of Mrs. Dora Davis and Mrs. Gertrude Washburn, both of Berkeley; and William and Eugene Gastelum of Newark.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 9 a. m. from the parlors of the Chapel of the Palms, followed by a requiem mass at St. Edward's Church, Newark, at 9:30. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward.

NEWS from Walt & Ed

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Thinking Things Over...

By VIVIAN BATMAN

What with having to get the mailing list of all our new subscribers straightened out and trying to get the social page covered with a fair amount of social news and with having to commute back and forth from home to the office

and back home again to take care of a boy who rushed the Christmas season by eating his sweets early and in large degrees, and with Christmas shopping still to be done, there is no time left to write much of a column this week.

All that I'll have time to say is this: A most pleasant and happy Christmas to everyone of you, and I say this sincerely because my associations with our readers during the past year have been such that I wouldn't trade places with anybody on any other paper in the whole of California!

And while I think about it, let me congratulate our contest entrants publicly. They did a fine job; no word of complaint or criticism—and that is something in any contest! I only wish we could have awarded \$500 to EVERY ONE of them.

The Royal Flying Corps first came into existence in May, 1912.

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1947

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THREE MASSES AT NILES ON CHRISTMAS

The Rev. Timothy Hennessy, pastor of Corpus Christi parish, Niles, and Holy Rosary parish, Decoto, has announced that three masses will be celebrated at Niles Christmas Day and two at Decoto.

Mass will be celebrated at Niles at 7, 8:30 and 10 a.m. with the 8:30 to be a high mass. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Clarence Crane, will sing at each of the masses. Masses will be celebrated at Decoto at 8 and 9:30 a.m.

Confessions will be heard on Christmas Eve at Niles from 2:30 to 5:30 and 7 to 9 p.m.; and in Decoto from 2 to 4 and 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Special music at all masses will include the singing of the "Missa Breves" by Nicola Mautoni at all masses with the Gloria and Credo by J. Alfred Schehl at the high mass. Traditional Christmas hymns, Adeste Fidelis, Silent Night, etc., will be sung before each mass and "Jesu Bambino" will be sung at communion. "Tollite Hostias" will be sung by the full chorus during the offertory.

Members of the choir are: Loretta, Charlotte and Edna Lewis, Mrs. Edward Mara, Dolores Rose, Catherine Viveiros, Caroline Vargan, Dianne Avakian, Dorothy and Shirley Butler, Mrs. Albe Mae Lemos, Cora Anne Perez, Jacqueline Lewis, Diulinda Duarte, Amelia and Rosalia Silva.

MACABEES HOLD ANNUAL DINNER

The Past Commanders' Club of the East Bay Macabees held its annual banquet at the International Kitchen Sunday, December 21, with 16 members in attendance.

At the annual election of officers Mrs. Bessie Jacobson, Berkeley, was elected president, succeeding Mrs. Catherine Parry, Niles. Mrs. Gertrude Middlekauff, vice-president. Mrs. Lulu Wing, Oakland, was named secretary-treasurer for the new year.

Names of secret pals for the past year were revealed and Christmas gifts were exchanged.

CENTRAL BANK UPS INTEREST RATES

After January 1 the interest rate on savings accounts of \$10,000 or less in Central Banks will be increased from one and one-fourth per cent to one and one-half per cent, Robert A. Blacow, manager of the Niles Central Bank, has announced.

All accounts in excess of \$10,000 will earn one and one-half per cent on the first \$10,000 and one and one-fourth per cent on the balance. Savings deposits made up to January 7, 1948, will earn interest from January 1, Blacow said.

DECOTO HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE SUNDAY EVENING

While Mr. and Mrs. Joe Halliwell and their five children were attending a Christmas party at a Niles church Sunday evening their six-room home at 12th street and Decoto road in Decoto was completely gutted by fire.

The family dog, her puppies, and a kitten all died in the blaze.

Decoto Fire Chief Roland Bendel said the fire, discovered by a passerby, apparently started from a defective water heater. The entire structure was in flames when the fire department arrived, he said.

CAROL SERVICE AT ST. JAMES CHURCH

A Carol Service by a vested choir under the direction of Miss Sally Mayock will be given at St. James Episcopal Church in Centerville at 11 p.m. Christmas Eve followed by Holy Communion at 11:30.

Communion service will be held Christmas Day at 10 a.m. with a Christmas message to be delivered by Rev. Arthur C. Freeman, pastor.

California is one of seven states requiring milk used in the manufacture of cheese be pasteurized.

The average depth of the oceans is about two miles.

Sell It with a Register Want Ad

TWENTY YEARS AGO...

(From the 1927 Files of The Township Register)

The engagement of Miss Myrtle Dolly Roland of Niles to Gustav Oertel Jr. of Newark, New Jersey, was announced.

Dr. Holman moved into his new modern residence in Centerville.

Heavy rains caused washouts on the detour between Mission San Jose and Sunol where the new \$200,000 bridge was under construction.

Township youngsters enjoyed community Christmas trees.

BERGE MORTUARIES

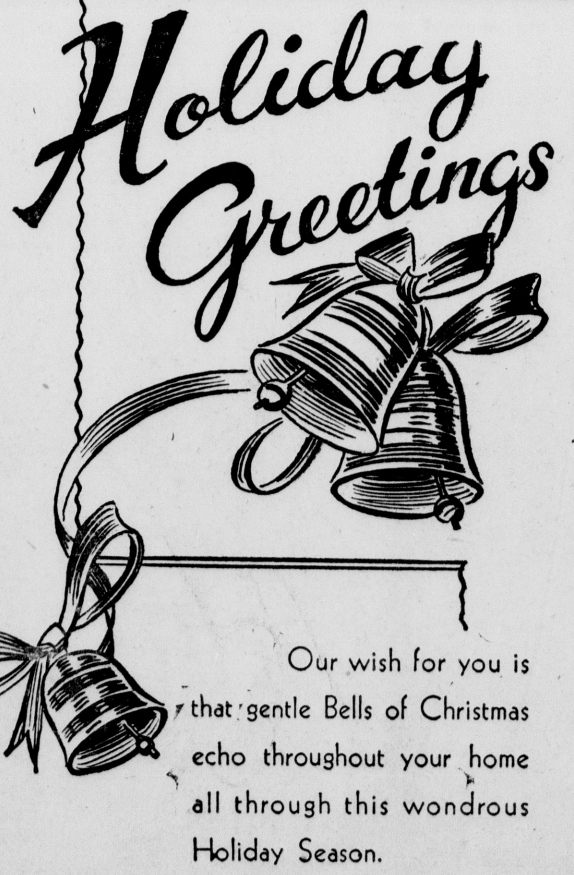
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Ukrainians Hold To Many Old Customs

Ukrainian churches, both Greek Orthodox and Uniate, cling to the ancient Julian calendar, so their Christmas Day comes 12 days later than ours, or on January 6. Christmas Eve is celebrated with much traditional ceremony and festivity.

The Holy Supper or Swiata Wecera is very elaborate, consisting of 12 courses, in memory of the 12 apostles. Fish, baked, broiled and jellyed, takes the place of meat. Borsch, or beet soup, is generally served, and stuffed cabbage, filled with millet or rice. Vareniki, some-



thing like the Italian ravioli, also is a usual course. Dessert consists of special pudding called kutya, made of wheat, poppy seeds and honey.

During the Christmas Eve supper, some member of every Ukrainian family throws a handful of kutya or pudding at the ceiling. If it sticks, the coming year will be a prosperous and happy one. After supper, a plate of braided bread, called kolach, is left on the table between two lighted candles. Legend says that the spirits of the family's dead will return at midnight to eat this bread.

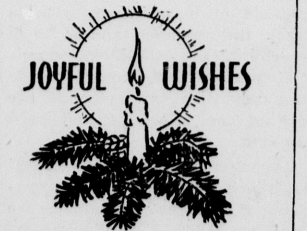
The Ukrainian Christmas festival lasts three days. In the villages singers known as Kolyadniki go from house to house singing the Kolyadky folksongs relating the birth of Christ and the events of his life. They usually carry a manger with them, and in some cases they perform miracle plays. They are rewarded by gifts of food or money.



In the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, the prayer for the last Sunday before Advent began with the words "Stir up." The people of Peterborough took this to be a reminder that they should start their plum pudding at that time, and everybody in the family took a hand in the stirring until it was ready on Christmas.

This indispensable old-time English Christmas dish was formerly, or frummenty, which according to old-time recipes was "wheat boiled until the grains burst, then strained and boiled again with broth or milk and yolks of eggs." Frummenty was the forerunner to plum pudding.

THE TOWNSHIP REGISTER, NILES, CALIFORNIA



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

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CHRISTMAS PLANS

(Continued from page 1)

of Palo Alto; and another brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Waterhouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Brown will share their Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Alves and son, Howard; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown, Mr. and Mrs. John Brahms and son, Bob; Mrs. A. M. Alves Sr., Mr. Frank McGowan, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown and daughter, Patricia.

And at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fracoli in Niles will be the following dinner guests: Mrs. Annette Fracoli and sons, Victor and Paul; Mr. and Mrs. Elton Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. John Alves.

It will be a family dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alberg, with fourteen guests sitting down to the Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mackintosh and their children will motor to Hayward on Christmas Day to dine at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Malerick. On Saturday the Mackintoshs will have as their guests the members of their bridge club from San Francisco, at the annual Tom and Jerry party.

It will be a family party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ebright of Niles, with fourteen sitting down to the Christmas dinner.

Another fourteen—at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Duffey. It, too, will be a family affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rogers of Niles will have as dinner guests Mrs. Louise Partlow and her father, Mr. Ryan Powell, and Mr. Al Bullock.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bendel will have Christmas dinner at home and will be joined by Mrs. Bendel's sister and husband, Mr.

Read Register Want Ads

Solon's Almanac



DECEMBER

24—Treaty of Ghent signed; 1814, ending War of 1812.

25—Christmas.

26—Washington crosses Delaware, 1776.

27—Battle of Trenton, 1776.

28—Iowa admitted to Union, 1846.

29—Texas admitted to Union, 1845.

30—Gadsden treaty approved, 1853.

31—Colonial armies defeated at Quebec, 1755.

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Guests at the Clarence Crane home for the holiday will be relatives of Mrs. Crane's, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rice and son, Bill, of Oakland.

Visits Parents

Paul Krueger of Salinas spent last Thursday evening and Friday visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Krueger in Irvington.

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A Christmas Prayer
This Day of Joy

*As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed the light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee.*



*As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.
Amen*



To you and yours this Yuletide season,
we extend our sincere good wishes
for a Merry Christmas.
A Christmas of joy and contentment;
of peace, good cheer and happiness—
that is our wish for you
this joyous holiday season.

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Christmas! No vaunting phrases can truly carry the meaning of that word, no marching adjectives picture its fulfillment. Its being and expression must ever lie in the simple words of the prophets, in the unpretentious but meaningful phrases of the Man of Galilee:

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SOLEMN HIGH MASS AT HOLY GHOST CHRISTMAS DAWN

The Catholic people of the Parish of the Holy Ghost at Centerville are looking forward eagerly to the dawn of Christmas morning and the beautiful pageantry and solemn ceremonies which will usher in the day of Our Saviour's birth. Before night lifts its curtains of darkness and while the stars still shine, the stately church, erected by Monsignor de Sousa and the people of Centerville, will throw wide its doors to welcome all who wish to adore the Infant Saviour. At 6:30, to the ringing of the great bells and the singing of Christmas carols, the procession will move to the main entrance of the church. Preceded by the cross-bearer and Acolytes, the vested altar-boys carrying torches will light the way for the robed angels, shepherds and kings who will mime the scene of the Lord's Nativity. The Solemn High Mass of Dawn

will be sung by the celebrant, deacon and sub-deacon with responses and special Christmas music by the grand choir under the direction of Mrs. Inez Silva. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Thomas O'Kane, administrator of Holy Ghost Church. The second mass of Christmas Day will be a low mass at eight o'clock with Christmas carols sung by the recently formed choir of the Catholic Youth Center. The third mass will be a low mass at ten o'clock with appropriate Christmas music, followed by benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. In preparation for Christmas, confessions will be heard on Tuesday, Dec. 23, in Portuguese, Italian, Spanish, French and German from four to six and from seven to eight-thirty, and on Wednesday, Dec. 24, in English from two to six and from seven to ten o'clock. From the Vigil of Christmas until the Feast of the Epiphany visitors will find the representation of the Crib of Bethlehem by the altar of Saint Joseph and Christ Himself always behind the tabernacle veil of the main altar of the church.

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS



... AND MAY THE SPIRIT OF THIS DAY LINGER ON, BRINGING CHEER AND COMFORT LONG AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY ITSELF IS GONE.

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R. L. Pond
Irvington



WITH PEACE AND PROSPERITY, WE SHOULD ALL BE HAPPIER THAN EVER THIS YEAR. DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, LET'S TRY TO FORGET OUR CARES. FOR OUR PART, WE WANT TO ADD OUR FELICITATIONS TO THE MANY OTHERS YOU ARE RECEIVING. BY WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS—THE

Happiest Christmas Ever!
NILES ELECTRIC COMPANY
780 First Street, Niles



Once again the joyous spell of Christmas is cast over us, as we hurry about with gifts for those we love. That warm glow we get from giving at this holy season cannot be duplicated at any other time of the year. It is our sincere wish that a full measure of happiness may be yours, this Christmas of 1947.

WHITAKER PHARMACY
Niles



AT CHRISTMAS TIME

more than at any other season, people feel friendly. It's in the very air. In this spirit, then, we offer you our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

JOHN M. HANSEN
GENERAL CONTRACTOR
Niles



A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

May the spirit
of the First Christmas
gladden your hearts
this
Christmas season.

SCOTT'S SHOE STORE
Niles

Ornament Making A Cottage Industry

Those colored glass ornaments that we hang on our Christmas trees used to come from Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland. A small number were made in Japan. When the war cut off these supplies, American glass manufacturers, who had never bothered with these products before, turned part of their facilities over to making the pretty gewgaws. Mechanical methods were soon developed that could blow as many ornaments in an hour as a European glassblower could make in a month. Thus modern efficiency may doom this picturesque little industry, carried on in the mountainous towns of eastern Europe.

Ornament making is a typical "cottage industry" in the little villages that cling to the steep mountainsides. Families specialize in certain shapes and designs, patterns that may date back for hundreds of years unchanged. The father, using a bunsen burner, carefully blows the thin glass tubing to the desired shape, with the aid of an iron mold. His son acting as mold boy, removes the hot ornament to a cooling table. Next the mother silvers the inside, and finally the daughter applies paint and perhaps decorative designs.

Christmas Rose Has Real Significance

Legend tells us that a young shepherd girl was weeping bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to take gifts to the Christ Child.



An angel appeared, and after ascertaining why the young girl was crying, she waved her wand, and instantly the ground was carpeted with glittering white Christmas roses. The young girl quickly gathered these blooms. When she presented her gift, the Christ Child smiled, and as his fingers touched the white flowers the petals became tinged with pink.



This custom originated with the Dutch. They used their wooden shoes instead of stockings.

When the Dutch came to New Amsterdam, this custom came with them—the wooden shoes being gradually replaced by stockings made for the occasion out of net-like materials. As nearly every home had a fireplace the usual place to hang the stockings, was over the fireplace.

Treating Trees To Preserve Needles

Dropping needles or leaves of Christmas trees, which strip the trees of color and litter the floor, long have been a Yuletide bane. Therefore, the discovery of the New York State College of Forestry that waterglass spray will prevent the spruce leaves from falling comes as welcome news to family and housewife alike.

Besides preserving the foliage, the waterglass spray adds to the decorative effect of the spruce by leaving a slight silver sheen to the green of the needle-like leaves. The waterglass also has been found to be a good fire retardant.

The college found that the shedding of spruce leaves also can be retarded by placing the base of the tree in a bucket of moist earth, peat moss or water. Users have reported the success of this treatment.

Our Most Famous Christmas Trees

Most famous of the nation's Christmas trees are growing on the wooded rolling acres of the Roosevelt estate at Hyde Park, N. Y. Developed as a result of a hobby which occupied much of the late Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt's spare time, the groves of Yule trees now are scattered on odd patches and parcels of land throughout the estate. The trees, about 270,000 in number, are principally of Norway spruce, white spruce and Douglas fir, with a few balsams also included.

Although the tree growing was a hobby with the late president, he insisted that the project pay its own way. Consequently about 2,000 to 3,000 trees are marketed every Christmas season.



With all the
joys of the season
to you!
GOOD HEALTH,
GOOD CHEER,
and a
MERRY
CHRISTMAS

MINT BARBER SHOP
JOE FERRY, Prop.
Niles



to you
**Merriest
CHRISTMAS**

In Colonial times Christmastide was the gayest and happiest season of the year... and so it is today. It is our sincere wish that during this Christmas of 1947 the warm, sweet joys of this blessed season may fill your hearts to overflowing.

**PEERLESS STAGE
DEPOT**
Niles
PAT AND DORA PATCHETT



May
this Christmas bring
happiness as true,
as that
we have known
in our relations
with you!

**EL PAJARO
BEAUTY SALON**
760 FIRST STREET
Niles

Christmas Story

Once again as the Christmas Story is being retold around the world, we extend our heartiest wishes for your happiness.



NILES GARDEN BASKET

501 First St., Niles
Joe Manuel Dominic Don

CHRISTMAS JOY 1947



Down through the ages comes the glorious Christmas story. In this timeless, ageless season we greet our friends and neighbors.

CRANE GARAGE

DeSoto Niles Plymouth

To each
and all of
you we say:
—
"Merry
Christmas"
1947

CHRISTMAS CAROLS on the air, and the good
old Christmas spirit in evidence on every hand!
We are happy to extend once more our sincere good
wishes for a joyous Yuletide.

P. C. HANSEN LUMBER CO.

Niles Centerville Decoto



With the friendliest of thoughts and the heartiest of wishes for a happy Yuletide.

E. H. FRICK PLUMBING CO.
Niles

Hark, the Angel Voices.



We join with all your other friends of this community to extend to you a very sincere wish that this Yuletide season may enrich your life with its spirit of friendliness and beauty.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

CENTRAL CHEVROLET
Centerville



The old Cherry Tree carol, or the legend upon which it is based, is undoubtedly the reason for the custom of placing a branch of cherry tree in water to bud for Christmas time.

According to this legend, Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem passed a tree loaded with cherries. Mary was hungry for some of the fruit and asked Joseph to pluck some cherries for her. The tree graciously bowed down so that Mary could pick the fruit herself.

It has been customary among the Czechs and Slovaks to take the branch of a cherry tree and place it in water in the late fall so that the buds reach the blossoming stage at Christmas time.

The belief was current that if the sprig blossomed by Christmas Eve, the girl who tended it would marry during the New Year.

Danger From Tree Fire Ever Present

Although the Christmas tree is one of the most picturesque Yuletide ornaments, it is also one of the most dangerous, with the threat of fire an ever present possibility.

Replacement of the candle by the electric light has removed some of the hazards formerly experienced, but danger still lurks from faulty connections or careless handling of bulbs and strings.

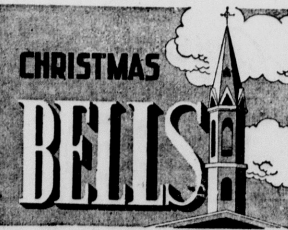
To minimize the fire hazard, the department of agriculture offers two pertinent suggestions: First, keep the tree well watered and, second, fireproof it with ammonium sulphate or calcium chloride.

To provide the tree with sufficient water, cut the butt on a slant at least an inch above the original cut. Keep the water level above the slashed surface. In purchasing a tree, always look for one that has been felled recently so that the needles have not dried.

Fresh trees also are essential for flame-proofing. In using ammonium sulphate, a chemical content one-fourth the weight of the tree should be used. After dissolving one and a half pints of the ammonium in a pound of water, slash the stem of the tree and place it in the solution. Then, let the tree stand four to six days in the solution for complete absorption. Trees fireproofed in this manner will not be ignited by an electric spark.

Christmas Visit to The Seven Fountains

In 1540 when a plague was raging in Switzerland, 12 pious men of Rheinfelden formed a brotherhood to pray for St. Sebastian's aid, and to nurse the sick and bury the dead. Pestilence in medieval times was ascribed to evil spirits in water, so the Brotherhood of St. Sebastian visited each of the town's seven fountains, praying and singing hymns at each stop. They still continue this custom, but only on Christmas Eve. For this ritual the 12 Brothers are dressed in black, with black silk top hats. At every fountain they gather around the lantern-bearer and sing a medieval song. The march begins at the Froshweide fountain, where the plague is supposed to have started three centuries ago. When they have passed the seventh, they enter the church for midnight mass, and ceremoniously place their lantern on the altar of St. Sebastian.



Legend has it that when Christ was born and Satan died, the bells in the churches were rung. At exactly midnight the tolling changed to a joyful peal, announcing the birth of the Christ.

In the dark chambers high above the turmoil and strife of human life, dwelt the Apostles of Peace, whose salutations were never so welcome as at the time of the great winter feasts of Christmas, so William Auld tells in his traditions.

Quaint Swiss Custom Of Meeting Lover

Forecasting is ritualized in Switzerland. Grandma goes to the cellar, selects the most perfect onion, halves it, and peels 12 layers, one for each month. The next day these layers show what the weather will be during the coming year.

The daughter of the house goes about town at midnight, to drink from nine different fountains. Then she goes to church. She expects to meet her unknown lover on the church steps.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES
"Christian Science" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in Churches of Christ, Scientist, next Sunday, Dec. 28, with the Golden Text from Isaiah: "The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it" (40:5).

The following citation is included in the sermon:

Revelation: "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth" (12: 1, 15, 16).



WE GREET YOU AT CHRISTMAS

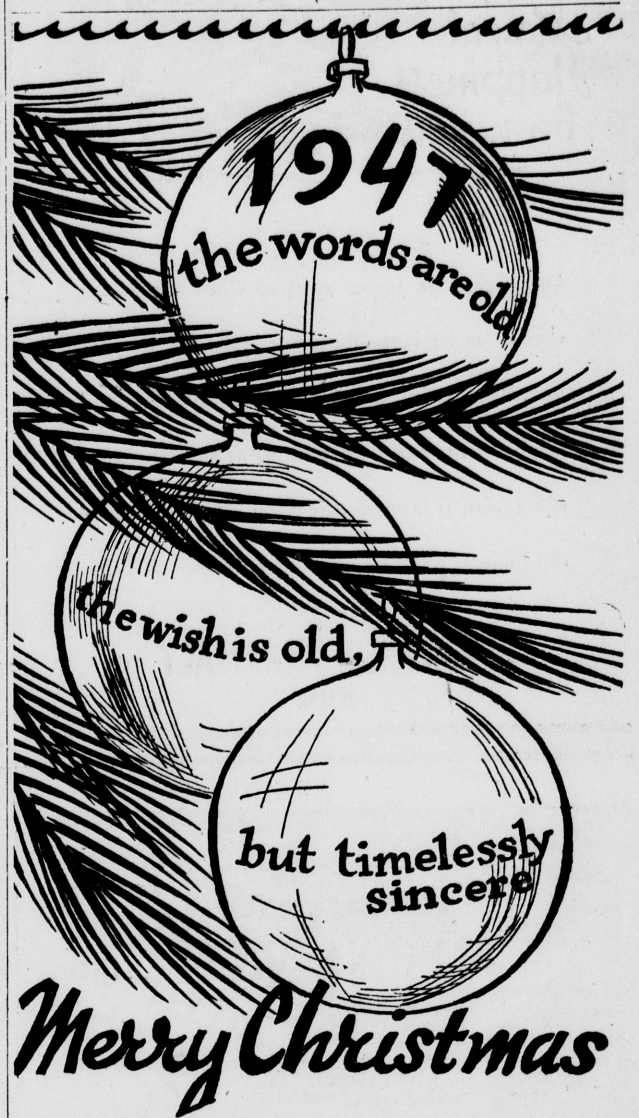
And trust to offer you Cheer every day of the year.

CHAPMAN AND GOODWIN
Centerville

NILES SCHOOL GIVES PUPILS TURKEY DINNER
The pupils of Niles Elementary School were feted with a turkey dinner and all the trimmings on December 17, furnished by the school.

More than 350 of the pupils enjoyed the dinner prepared by Mrs. Catherine Parry and Mrs. Maude Musgrove. District Superintendent E. Dixon Bristow did the carving, assisted by Mr. Turner.

California produces almost the entire national output of lemons, olives, almonds, pomegranates and nectarines.



CENTERVILLE FOOD MARKET

George Bertha Charlie Bill



JOLLY'S PHARMACY

R. A. Jolly

Newark

NOEL

★ CHRISTMAS IS HERE!
WE WISH FOR YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES THE BEST THAT THIS HAPPY SEASON CAN BRING...

1947

SEARS & HOUSTON

Newark

Fent Wes Harry Wanda Elinor



Year after year we have been wishing our friends a Merry Christmas, each year hoping to make our message a little warmer, a little more personal.

It is with some such thought as this that we now add this "Merry Christmas" to the many that have gone before, with the hope that it will find you abundantly blessed with everything that the magic wand of Christmas can bestow.

COZZI'S MEAT MARKET

Newark

"Peach"

Everett

Ronald



While angels hovered overhead, the Star of Bethlehem guided the Three Wise Men to the Manger at Bethlehem. We cannot offer you their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Our gift must be restricted to the old, but heartfelt wish for all the joys and blessings of the Yuletide season.

NILES FURNITURE COMPANY

Walt & Ed's, Newark
Ross Connely, Jeweler



Never a Christmas morning,
Never an old year ends,
But that someone thinks of someone—
Old days, old times, old friends!

FREEZALL LOCKER PLANT

904 First Street, Niles

The Story of the Nativity

The simple words with which St. Luke tells the story of the first Christmas appropriately provide the theme of the Christmas cards which Americans are sending to friends and relatives this year. These Christmas cards, with their reverent, inspiring scenes and sentiments, reflect the true spiritual meaning of the Christmas season.



"And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger"



"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea . . . with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child"



"And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night"



"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God"



"And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child"

OUR READERS WRITE . . .

Wichita, Kansas
December 20, 1947
Mr. L. R. Batman, Editor
Township Register

To identify myself, I am the father of one of the boys who was injured August 13 at the intersection on the Niles Canyon Road immediately outside Niles—a Rotarian, and the fellow who bought all the papers you would let him have immediately after the accident.

Ever since the accident, both Mr. Thompson and I have been working with various State officials to get them to install suitable warning signs on this road. I now am told indirectly that a light has been installed at the intersection and would like to know from you whether or not this be true as we will continue our efforts if it is not erected.

Know you will be glad to learn that both the Thompson boy and my son are making splendid progress in their recovery and I do hope the day is not too far distant when they will be normal.

Do want you to know how very much we all appreciated your efforts in getting this road marked. We are only interested in saving other people the heartaches which we have had.

With cordial season's greetings, I am,

Very truly yours,
W. P. BUCK

Sell It with a Register Want Ad

December 20, 1947
Mr. L. R. Batman, President,
Chamber of Commerce,
Niles, California.

Dear President Batman:
My congratulations to you, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Business and Professional men of Niles, for the excellent appearance of our town.

The Christmas season is not complete until the lights and trees are in evidence; this you have done, thus making every one just a lot more happy than they otherwise would have been.

May the spiritual uplift which you and the Chamber of Commerce have given our community be ever present with you during the Yuletide season and the New Year which lies just ahead.

Sincerely yours,
E. DIXON BRISTOW
District Superintendent
Niles School District

NILES AIR FORCE OFFICER ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY

Captain James Stanhope, Niles, who recently returned to active duty from the Army Air Corps Reserves, left this week for Mitchell Field, Long Island, where he has been ordered to duty.

He flew east, accompanied by his wife, the former Juanita Galvin of Niles. Captain Stanhope served in the Italian Zone during World War II and for the past year had been instructing at Center Field, Centerville.



BEST WISHES TO OUR CUSTOMERS

TED'S DO-NUT SHOP

Niles



And when the day is gone
Our wishes for our friends
Continue on and on and on!

DELUXE BARBER SHOP

Niles



It would be difficult, indeed, to forget our friends, particularly at Christmas. We want you to know how close we feel to all of you, and how sincerely we wish for each of you the choicest blessings of Yuletide.

NILES TAXI SERVICE

A. S. Costa & Son
Phone Niles 4475



This Merry Christmas is to you.

There is no wish we can give more true than this jolly old fellow is now bringing to you.

L. L. LEWIS

Laundry and Cleaning Service
Phone Niles 4567



At Christmastime we greet good friends. If 'neath our roof you've rested, come again and be refreshed. If you have never crossed our threshold, visit us in the months ahead. To one and all we say,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

BERCHEM'S QUALITY MEAT COMPANY

Niles



We wish we could send a gift to each of you in appreciation of your confidence and friendliness during the past year. Instead, however, we must content ourselves with extending the simple wish that you may enjoy the best life has to offer now and in the months to come.

ROETHLIN'S CAFE

Irvington



Time To Be Happy!

Christmastide is the one time in the year when we should all be as happy as a boy with a bright new sled. So let's light up our faces and our hearts when we light up our trees, and here's wishing for you and your family the happiest Christmas you've ever had.

VEE BEE APPAREL SHOP

Centerville

VIOLA DIAS

BEATRICE SMITH



In This Joyous Season of Christmas

we want to renew all our old friendships, want each of you to feel your importance to us, and to realize that without you the story would have been quite different.

A very Merry Christmas to all of you, friendly people of this community!

**PUBLIC UTILITIES CALIFORNIA
CORPORATION**
Niles



In weal or woe, under all conditions, the cheery Merry Christmas comes to the surface. It's natural in mankind. Everyone appreciates a hearty Yuletide greeting—and so, to all our friends, we add our wish for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

JOE'S CORNER
Niles



JUST A FRIENDLY WAY
OF EXPRESSING
TO YOU OUR MOST
SINCERE GOOD WISHES
FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND THAT IT
MAY BE
AN ESPECIALLY JOYOUS
ONE FOR YOU.

CHAPEL OF THE PALMS

DALLAS E. PAUL
Centerville

HERE AND THERE IN DECOTO

By ETHEL AVILLA

VISITS GUSTINE

Mrs. John Kallu and her mother, Mrs. Adelaide Escover, spent last week-end visiting relatives, Mr. and Mrs. John Lopes, in Gustine. A big family Christmas party will be held in Mrs. Escover's home in Livermore.

FAMILY DINNER

This Christmas will be an especially happy one for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perry, for they expect to have all their children home to help celebrate. Guests for the dinner will be Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Perry, Mr. and Mrs. David Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duarte,

Mrs. Tillie Bryson and daughter, Joyce, and Frank and Albert Fonseca.

CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY

There is to be a Christmas Eve party at Mrs. Anna Watkins' home. Besides Clifford Watkins, who lives at home, guests are to be Mr. and Mrs. Lester Watkins and son, Rex; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ratliff of Port Chicago. The Lester Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lewellen will enjoy their Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brown on Baywood avenue in Hayward.



ANOTHER YEAR has passed. Again glad bells are pealing out the Christmas story. Happy children and parents are planning for the day in the glorious old-fashioned way. Everyone is thrilled by the magic spell of Christmas for they know the spirit of the Christ Child is in the land.

While glad bells peal out, while children make merry, while carols are being sung and the Christmas story is being told and retold, we join in the joyous occasion by expressing best wishes for a

*Merry Christmas
to each and every one*

PEERLESS GRILL

Niles



TIME TO HANG UP YOUR STOCKING!

Whether it's Santa Claus, Kris Kringle or Father Christmas, let us hail the patron saint of children on this day of days.

Christmas is the season that, above all others, turns the thoughts of mankind back to the all-enveloping innocence of childhood—away from the pure selfishness and commercialism of the every-day world towards the joys of giving and sharing.

It is in that true spirit of Christmas that we wish for you all the blessings of this joyous season.

COZZI VARIETY STORE

Niles

CASTROS WILL BE HOSTS

Gifts will be exchanged Christmas Eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Castro. Then on Christmas Day all will enjoy a delicious turkey dinner. The centerpiece for the table will be composed of choir boys, silver ornaments and pine needles on a large mirror. Guests will be Mrs. Mary Castro, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Alameda of Salinas, Mr. Joe Duarte and Mr. and Mrs. Manuel White.

PRE-CHRISTMAS PARTY

A pre-Christmas party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Groh and family in San Francisco last Sunday. Mr. Groh, who is a First Mate for the Pacific Transport Co., is now on his way to Japan. Dinner guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vargas, Priscilla and Rose Mary of Decoto, Mrs. Jack Briar and sons, Howard and Harold of Warm Springs, and Mrs. Amelia Amaral of Mission San Jose.

DINNER PARTY HOSTS

Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Vegas and family will attend church services in San Francisco Christmas morning. Later in the day they will be hosts at a dinner party held in their home. Guests will be their nephew, Raymond Mederas and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Martines.

TO MODESTO

The home of Mrs. Nettie Rogers in Stockton will be the scene of holiday festivities for Mr. and Mrs. Ysidro Acosta and daughter, Tiodora, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Torres and son, Albert James. Miss Rogers is the foster mother of Mrs. Acosta.

HOME FROM VACATION

Just returning home from a week's visit to Los Angeles, Hollywood and other Southern California cities are Mr. Joe Kelly and son, Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kelley and Mrs. Mildred Ayres.

YULE PARTY

Gathered around a beautiful tree Christmas Eve to receive their gifts will be members of the Frank Sanchez family: Ruth, Antennette, Frank Jr., Dick, who just received his discharge from the service, and Johnny. Other guests are Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Sanchez, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Sanchez, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian August, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Batterson and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sanchez. There will be a delicious turkey dinner served on Christmas Day.

HOSTS AT YULE PARTY

There will be a Merry Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emilio Paniagua. Gifts will be exchanged on Christmas Eve and the following day those to gather around the festive dinner table will be Flora and Poel, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Paniagua and children, Donna and Gary, Mrs. Mary Tillman and son, Max, of Glendale, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Delgado, Eddie, Irene and Donnie, and Mr. and Mrs. Gonzale Paniagua and Ida.

FAMILY GATHERING

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Himenez will be hosts at a family dinner in their home in Ashland on Christmas Day. Guests will be Mr. and Mrs. David Arribas, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Himenez and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Morales, all of Ashland; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rose of Oakland, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Arribas and Gloria of Decoto.

OAKLAND GUEST

Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Rebelle will have as their Christmas dinner guest Mary Deveny Callihan of Oakland.

MOTOR TO RENO

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McMahan, who reside at the El Arroyo Trailer Camp, motored to Reno over the week-end with friends. Mr. McMahan is employed at the Township Register in Niles.

NEW HOME AGENT ASSISTANT HERE

Mrs. Maryetta W. Holman, Alameda County Home Demonstration Agent, this week received word from the University of California of the appointment of Miss Gladys Lucille Boone as assistant demonstration agent.

Miss Boone succeeds Mrs. Frances C. Dunkinson, who was transferred to the position of agent for Nevada county recently.

The new assistant, whose appointment becomes effective January 16, is a graduate of Kansas State College, where she majored in home economics. She also is a graduate of Kansas State Teachers College and taught school in Kansas for five years.

She will spend a few days at the Berkeley office and then will become a member of the staff of the Alameda County Agricultural Extension Service, with headquarters at the Hayward post office.

Read Register Want Ad



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

WE KNOW OF NO BETTER
TIME THAN CHRISTMAS TO
GIVE RECOGNITION TO OUR
MANY FRIENDS WHO HAVE
CONTRIBUTED SO GREATLY
TO OUR SUCCESS DURING
THE PAST YEAR.

FROM ALL OF US ONCE MORE
TO YOU, WHETHER YOU ARE
OUR CUSTOMER OR NOT...

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

ORA'S APPAREL

Niles



WE WISH YOU
AT CHRISTMAS
MANY HAPPY HOURS
AND TRUST
WE MAY SERVE YOU
IN THE FUTURE.

CLOVERDALE CREAMERY

Centerville



• Now, when Santa Claus
is so busy making
children happy and
dispensing cheer
all over the world, we
want to extend a warm
and friendly greeting to
our friends. Accept our
very best wishes for a
Christmas season of unal-
loyed joy and happiness.

GEORGE COIT HARDWARE & PLUMBING

Centerville

...Around the Township...

Alvarado Girl Sets Nuptial Date

Miss Della Hendricks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hendricks of Alvarado has set January 11 as the date for her wedding to Mr. Edward Noia. The couple will exchange vows at a two o'clock ceremony to be performed at Corpus Christi Church in Niles.

The bride elect's sister, Alberta, will be her maid of honor. Her other attendant will be another sister, Mrs. Irene Leeper. Also in the wedding entourage will be the benedict's brothers, Walter and Willfred.

The bride attended Washington Union High School. Mr. Noia is presently employed as a carpenter for a San Leandro contractor.

The couple plan to build a home on First street in Niles.

Son to William Silvas

It's now William E. Silva III, born December 12 at Hayward Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. William E. Silva II, R.F.D. Box 442, Niles. The young Mr. Silva tipped the scales at 5 pounds 2½ ounces at his initial appearance.

Decoto Girl Married in Hayward

In a powder blue afternoon dress, with black accessories, and a gardenia corsage, Lorraine Silva, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Silva of Decoto, became the bride on Saturday, December 20, of Mr. Millard Lisle, son of Mrs. Louise Lisle of Hayward.

The bride is a native of Decoto and is a graduate of Washington High. She has worked at the Kraft-tile Company for the past four years and will continue to work there as a payroll clerk.

The benedict was born in Iowa and spent most of his life in Hammond, Indiana, where he attended school. He has been employed at the Pacific States Steel Corporation for the past seven years.

Attendants for the couple were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lago of Hayward.

The newlyweds are living in Hayward.

Local Pair Feted On 25th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Francis were the happy guests of honor at a surprise party given on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary by their many friends. Games were played and refreshments were served. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all the guests who included: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence George and son, Arnold; Mae B. Silva, Eleanor Moura, Lewis Perry and daughter, Sylvia, Bernadine Pat Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Perry, Mrs. Mary Caldeiro, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Clark, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, Leonard Brown, Lorraine Brown, Mr. and Mrs. George Rogers and son, George, Mr. and Mrs. George Silva and sons, Donnie and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Swift, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. George, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lewis and daughter, Elaine, and Bobby Dutra.

It's A Girl

It's another girl for Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pessagno of Niles. Little Joan Mae was born on December 15 at Alameda Hospital and weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces at birth. Her sister, Janet, is six years old.

Vacationing Here

Thorne Butler of Honolulu is now visiting at the Roeding home in Niles. A cousin of the Roedings, he is attending Cal Tech, and is spending part of his Christmas vacation here in Niles.

CENTERVILLE TEACHER IS BRIDE OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL STAR

St. Edward's Church in Newark was the setting for the wedding Sunday of Alberta Meneze, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Meneze of Alvarado, and Mr. Melvin Nunes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Nunes of Centerville. The afternoon ceremony was performed by the Rev. James J. McLaughlin.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, chose for her wedding attire an aqua blue gabardine suit, with matching hat. She wore a prayer book and rosary and wore a corsage of two white orchids.

The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Jacinto, cousins of the bride. Mr. Edward Kettman played the wedding music.

Following the ceremony, a reception for immediate members of the families was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Antone Santos, aunt and uncle of the bride, in the beautiful patio of the Santos home. After leaving for San Jose to have wedding pictures made, the newlyweds returned to the

Santos home for the wedding supper and the opening of their many lovely gifts.

Mrs. Santos had decorated the home, using white and silver decor with striking effect. The centerpiece on the main table featured a green arch, trimmed with white daisies, through which came a miniature wedding party. White bells and streamers and Christmas greens added a festive air throughout the house.

The bride, a graduate of Washington High and also of San Jose State, is a teacher at the Centerville elementary school. Her husband, also a graduate of Washington High, is a popular professional baseball player with the Portland Beavers, where he serves as third baseman.

After a two weeks' honeymoon in the south, the couple will return to Centerville to make their home. The benedict does not have to report to Riverside for training until the first of February.

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Smorgasbord at Robbins Home

The Yule season was the incentive for a smorgasbord supper to which Mr. and Mrs. Tom Robbins invited several of their friends last Sunday evening. The affair turned out to be more than a Yuletide celebration, however, inasmuch as Mrs. Robbins learned, after inviting her guests, that she was the lucky first prize winner in the Township Register contest. So the evening was a doubly merry one. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Alt, Mr. John Allen, a visitor from Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McDonald and Miss Rosemary McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Howe, Mr. and Mrs. John Berchem, Mrs. Gladys Williamson, Niels Nielsen, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lamoreux, Dr. and Mrs. Lyle Buehler, Mrs. Dora Mae Scudder, and Mrs. Grace Jewell.

Mrs. Roeding Recovering

Friends of Mrs. George Roeding Sr. will be glad to learn that she is recovering, however slowly, from a major operation and attendant complications. She has been in the Peralta Hospital for about a month, and may have to stay there for some time before she is able to come home.

New Pastor

Now established in the parsonage of the Niles Nazarene Church are the Rev. O. Molsenbocker and his wife and son, Karl. Rev. Molsenbocker came here recently from Berkeley to take the place of the Rev. George Taylor who, with Mrs. Taylor, is now doing evangelistic work.

Niles Couple Feted on Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Frank George of Niles were surprised on their 25th anniversary last Saturday by a party arranged for them by their son, Clayton, and his aunt, Mrs. Irene George. Also assisting was Lee Horat of Centerville.

The George rumpus room was the setting for the gay occasion and the honorees were greeted by a multitude of felicitations as well as many handsome gifts.

Those present who enjoyed the evening of dancing, followed by refreshments, included: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rose of Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Freitas and son of Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Welton of Oakland, Mrs. Laura Bryant of Oakland, Miss Elaine Joseph of Centerville, Lee Horat of Centerville, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Lock of Centerville, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rose of San Leandro, Mrs. Mary Rose of San Leandro, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred King and family of Niles, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Caldeira and son of Decoto, Mr. and Mrs. Al Caeton of Alviso, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stanley and family of Livermore, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rose of San Leandro, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Oliver of Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. Don Oliver of Los Gatos, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lytell of San Leandro, Miss Margaret King of San Leandro, Mr. and Mrs. Tony George and son of Niles, Jack Myrick of Centerville and Miss Exie Foster of Oakland.

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Attend Banquet at Hotel Claremont

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zbyzenski, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christensen, and Rowan Henry, representatives of the Central Bank in Irvington, attended the annual Central Bank Christmas party held at the Hotel Claremont last week-end. The evening began with cocktails served on the Lido Deck from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m., followed by dining and dancing in the Spanish Room. Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Zbyzenski and Mr. and Mrs. Rogers visited the beautiful Garden Room and danced to the music of Dick Jergens and his orchestra.

Christmas Carol Party

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mackintosh, whose home on the Niles-Mission highway—one of the oldest in the township—has recently been completely remodeled, entertained a few guests at a pre-Christmas party and an old-fashioned carol-sing last Friday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shinn Jr., Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Batman, and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Thornburg.

Having Fun

Making the most of the holidays and the release from classes and studies are Norman Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bailey, and Jerry Roeding, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Roeding. The two boys were guests at a dancing party in San Francisco last Saturday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Pischel, and also plan to attend the informals at the Palace.

Holiday Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Jones of Los Angeles and their two sons are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Duffey.

To Arrive for Holidays

Mrs. Mildred R. Miles and her daughter, Lorraine, of Wasco, California, will arrive in Warm Springs on Christmas Day to spend the Christmas and New Year Holidays with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson Jr. of Warm Springs.

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Recuperating

Marian Murrell of Irvington is back at her home after undergoing a minor operation at San Jose Hospital last Wednesday.

Ensign Bendel Home

Ensign Roland Bendel Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bendel of Niles, is home on leave over the holidays. The ship on which he formerly was stationed has been decommissioned and he has been transferred to the carrier, U.S.S. Princeton.

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Alameda Family in New Irvington Home

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Alameda are looking forward to their first Christmas in their brand new home in Irvington. One of the show places of the township, the home, of modern design, was constructed by Randy Griffin. Although not yet landscaped—the brick patio and lawns are still to go in—it is truly a picture-book home. Much of the designing and planning was done by Mrs. Alameda.

The home was designed to fit the needs of themselves and their four sons and two daughters. And if anybody wants any ideas on closets—just ask Mrs. Alameda!

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Open House

About twenty-five guests were present at the annual open-house given last Saturday night by Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Bristow, and their daughter, Mary Virginia. The Bristows will spend the holiday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Van Tiger in Marysville.

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KLATAWA NEWS

By MRS. JOE HUDSON

Klatawa Council 251 met at the O.O.F. Hall in Niles, December 15. A Christmas party was held and members exchanged gifts. Guest of honor was our fraternal mother, Great Pocahontas Hazel Shireman. She was accompanied by her husband who had just returned from Guam.

A Christmas gift was presented to Mama Hazel and one to her and her husband together from the council.

Niles is almost like home to our Great Pocahontas, as quite a few of her family live in and around Niles.

Two new members were adopted into the council, which made the five hundred members to be taken into the council. This made her very happy as one thousand members is her goal for the year.

Great Pocahontas Hazel Shireman asked the Klatawa Council to try and do something for the children of this township as Child Welfare is her pet project during her term as Great Pocahontas.

Mrs. Ada James was appointed chairman and at that time asked for the support of all the girls in Klatawa as her committee. At this meeting Mrs. James reported everything was coming along fine and the money raised would be turned over to Mr. Bristow on December 23 to be used for the furnishing and upkeep of the Quonset Hut located on the Niles school grounds which is used by the Boy and Girl Scouts as well as the other young folks of the community.

The next meeting will be held January 7.

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FREDDIE STEPS OUT

LOCAL FIVE SPLITS DOUBLE-HEADER WITH LIVERMORE

The Washington High School basketball squads split a twin-bill with Livermore High last Friday evening with the B squad winning 31 to 30, while the varsity squad bowed in defeat 41 to 29.

Coach Jud Taylor's "30" team played a nip-and-tuck game with the Livermore lightweights which found them in a 24-24 tie at the final gun. In an overtime period of three minutes the locals bagged 7 points, holding their opponents to 6. T. Nishioka was high-point man for Coach Taylor. Other standouts on the Pupples squad were M. Galvan and B. Hernandez. Sankene paced the Huskies with 10 points but a rangy Livermore squad held Coach Clyde Voorhees' team to a minimum of baskets. "By far the best Livermore team I have ever seen," was Coach Voorhees' comment following the game.

The basketball squads will be idle during the Christmas holiday and will meet Livermore in a return match on Tuesday, January 6, for their opening encounter after vacation.

SOPHOMORE DANCE SET FOR JANUARY 9

The gymnasium of Washington Union High School will be transformed into a replica of "Ye Olde Red School House" when the Sophomore class of the school holds its annual dance on January 9.

In charge of the arrangements are: Millie Rose, Sammy Garcia, Jackie Silveira, Bob de la Torre, Raymond Andrade, Rafael Andrade, Merle Runolfson, Lorraine McClain, Elaine Bettencourt, Shirley Furtado, Jimmy Griffin, Claire Schlosser, Vernon Machado, Betty Lizardo, Nonie Beck, Charlotte Seward, Elaine Horat, Charlene O'Brien, Vivian Cuciz, John Pereira, Joe Perry, Don Pine and Steve Richards.

The couples will waltz around a prim-looking schoolmarm and there will be decorations of apples, rulers, angelic-looking children, and books floating around in the air. The proper attire for the dance will be sport clothes. Miss Dorothy Czerny is in charge of the decoration committee.

VICE-PRESIDENCY TO LESLIE ALT

C. W. "Chuck" Kraft, president of Kraftite Company, Niles, this week revealed the appointment of Leslie Alt, plant superintendent, to the position of a vice-president in the company.

Promotion came by action of the Executive Committee which is composed of Kraft, Jim Crawford, J. A. McDonald, and J. B. Lewis. In making the announcement Kraft said, "This well earned recognition of Alt's leadership in building up production gives the Production Department direct representation on policy matters and gives the organization a vice-president in charge of production."

California's quicksilver output in 1946 was 17,804 flasks.

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Glenn Ford - Janis Carter
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—and—
Gene Autry and Champion
Trail to San Antonio

SPORTS

FAILURE TO FIND OPPOSITION ENDS ALUMNI SEASON

From all appearances the powerful and undefeated Washington Alumni football team has finished its season after but three encounters, due to failure to find opposition willing to meet them on the gridiron.

Whether the record of the Washington Grads' first three games, in building up 110 points while holding their opponents scoreless, has anything to do with the cancellation of all other games is not known by Coach "Bally" Pine.

Camp Stoneman squad was the first to renege on their scheduled game, telegraphing Pine the week of the encounter that they would be unable to appear. A game was quickly arranged with the Berkeley Bulldogs but before the story could be released they too wired cancellation. Last week the Washington squad was to meet the Hayward Raiders in a return game as a part of a stadium dedication ceremony at Hayward but a telephone call Friday evening called off that encounter.

Now it has been announced that the Santa Clara team, which was to be host to the local Alumni, will be unable to complete their schedule.

THREE MASSES ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Masses will be celebrated at 7, 8 and 10 a.m. at St. Edward's Church, Newark, and at 8 and 10 a.m. at St. Anne's, Alvarado, Rev. James J. McLaughlin, pastor, has announced. High mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m. at Newark with the choir to be under the direction of Ed Kettman.

Confessions will be heard at both parishes Christmas Eve from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

NEW KRAFTITE WORKERS

Six new employees have joined the staff of workers at Kraftite Company in Niles during the past month, according to The Kraftite, a publication put out by the employees.

The new employees are Chester Weaver, Charles Corrales, Jesus Corrales, Will Wilcox, Whitney Evans and Henry Perez.

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NEWARK SPORTSMEN HOLD NOMINATION

The second nomination of officers for the Newark Sportsmen's Club will be held at a meeting of that group at the Newark Youth Center building Tuesday, Dec. 30.

Named as candidates at the first nomination were: Sid Gaunt, president; Art Kleine, vice-president; Joe Machado, recording secretary; Chris Mikelsen, financial secretary; and Bert Overeen, sergeant-at-arms. Machado stated yesterday that Sid Gaunt and Matt Souza, members of the club, are ill at their homes and the members wish them a speedy recovery.

A committee has been appointed from the membership to conduct an investigation of the origin of oil that has been found on the waters of the sloughs near Newark, and warned that violators would be prosecuted. Machado also stated that a letter has been forwarded to County Supervisor Chester Stanley asking him to meet with the directors for a discussion of reported illegal dumping of garbage in the area, but a meeting has not as yet been arranged.

At the annual Pre-Christmas Turkey Shoot, sponsored by the club last Sunday at their field on Dumbarton Bridge Road, six birds were awarded the sharpshooters on the trap event and 5 turkeys went to the winners on the .22 rifle range.

Winners were. Trap, Chris Mikelsen, 2; George Azevedo, Joe Martin, D. S. Mayock and George Myers; .22 range, Leroy Gomes, John Musgove, Muller 2, and Paul Hunt.

SEASON ON UPLAND GAME ENDS DEC. 31

The Division of Fish and Game reminds local sportsmen this week of the closing December 31 on quail, cottontail and brush rabbits, jack rabbits, bear, banded pig-peon and tree squirrels.

The second half of the divided season on waterfowl, which began December 23, will close January 5. Alameda county Game Warden Fred Rogers, Centerville, has warned that he will be on the lookout for unplugged shotguns. All pump or automatic shotguns must be plugged to permit no more than three shells, one in the barrel and two in the chamber.

Niles Theatre

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
Rory Calhoun - Rhonda Fleming
ADVENTURE ISLAND
—and—
Tim Holt
Under the Tonto Rim
SERIAL "SEA HOUND"

SUNDAY & MONDAY
Ray Milland - Marlene Dietrich
GOLDEN EARRINGS
—and—
Joe Palooka
THE KNOCKOUT
CARTOON - NEWS

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY
Clark Gable - Claudette Colbert
BOOM TOWN
—and—
SELECTED SHORTS - NEWS

THURSDAY
Show Starts at 5:00 p.m.
HAT BOX MYSTERY
—and—
Philip Dorn - Catherine McLeod
I've Always Loved You
CARTOON - NEWS

BASEBALL GAMES RAINED OUT HERE

Niles and Irvington baseball teams were rained out of their games scheduled last Sunday in the windup of the Southern Alameda County Winter Baseball league.

Weather permitting, Irvington will be host to the Hernandez Market nine this Sunday at 2 p.m. and Niles will journey to Hayward for an 11 a.m. battle with Ashland on the Bret Harte diamond. This will be the final encounter for the Niles team and they will be out to win their first victory of the second half of league play.

MARCH OF DIMES CAMPAIGN CHARTED

The annual March of Dimes for infantile paralysis victims will be held in Alameda County January 15-30 simultaneously with the 10th annual polio fund drive throughout the nation, it was announced this week.

John F. Hassler, Oakland city manager and chairman of the Alameda County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, will direct the county drive from headquarters to be established in Hotel Leamington, Oakland.

"The need is greater than ever," Hassler said this week in pointing out that \$69,000 in March of Dimes funds was needed to aid Alameda county polio victims between June 1, 1946, and May 31, 1947.

In addition, the local March of Dimes contributed its share toward the nationwide polio research projects which will someday reveal an effective cure for the dread infantile paralysis, he pointed out.

"The March of Dimes is a voluntary campaign, with few house to house solicitations and no payroll 'check-offs,'" Hassler said in reminding Alameda county residents that they may place contributions in the hundreds of wishing wells and coin collection boxes to be placed in stores, banks and public buildings throughout the county.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE AT NILES CHURCH

A candlelight service will be held at the Niles Congregational Church on Christmas Eve from 11 p.m. to 12 midnight.

The junior and senior choirs will join in the singing for the service under the direction of Robert Bartlett with Mrs. L. McLain as organist.

The Rev. Don Kirkbride, pastor, will deliver an appropriate Christmas message.

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POLICE SEEK TO IDENTIFY BODY; MAY BE NILES MAN

A coroner's jury, meeting last Friday in the office of County Coroner, Dr. Mark Emerson, Oakland, gave drowning as the cause of the death of the elderly man, as yet unidentified, whose body was found December 11 in the waters of the bay near Newark.

Age of the man was placed between 55 and 65 years and from the appearance of the body it is believed that it had been in the water for many weeks. No marks of violence indicating foul play were found on the body.

LAUNDRY MARK TRACED

Police are attempting to trace the origin of a laundry mark, a machine stamped F-4356, which was found on the man's shirt. The right forearm also bears a tattoo of a crescent with the points toward the elbow and a design which resembles an Old English capital letter I or L or an anchor. Underneath the crescent is a date, believed to be 1889, 1899 or 1890.

In reconstructing the appearance of the man the police stated that he was 5 foot 6 inches in height, had gray hair, no teeth, was wearing a dark blue herringbone weave suit coat, blue pin stripe trousers, foreign-hand necktie, and black ankle height shoes. A key with the number 212 stamped on it in one-fourth inch figures was found in a pocket.

LOCAL MAN MISSING

Local police are now tracing down the possibility of the body being that of Lloyd S. Oldendorf, Niles, who has been missing since July 11 or 12, and believed by his friends to have committed suicide.

Oldendorf had been an employee of the Southern Pacific Railroad for about 28 years and was laid off for refusal to take a physical examination required by the company. He had served for the past several years as operator of the Newark tower and had repeatedly told friends that he was going to commit suicide by jumping off the Dumbarton Bridge. His birthdate was 1889 and he was 5 feet 7 inches but the clothes on the dead man were not the type worn by the missing man here.

Sportsmen's News

DUCKS PLENTIFUL

Ducks are plentiful along the San Francisco Bay near Richmond, Albany and Berkeley.

STEELHEAD FISHING

Steelhead anglers enjoyed first-rate sport this week near the mouth of the Van Dusen River in Humboldt County. Many sizeable fish have been taken.

DUCK AND GOOSE HUNTING

Duck and goose hunting should be good during the second half of the season in Lassen County's Honey Lake Valley. Great numbers of birds have been coming into this area during the past week or two.

LARGE STRIPERS RUN

Large striped bass have been running up the Sacramento River this week in the Salano and Sacramento County areas. Local anglers have taken many of these stripers.

DUCKS AND GEESE

Large numbers of ducks and geese are at present settled around Topaz Lake in Mono County. Hunting should be good in this area during the second half of the split season.

Wheat was first sown in California early in 1771.

Cottonseed meal is a highly important livestock feedstuff.

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By Gene Byrnes